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ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

Applicants are aware of a prior system, designated as "ESCN System," which was a prototype system developed and used more than one year before the filing date of the present application. The ESCN System allowed an administrator to provide "flat" files for clients. These files provide information content, and were not executable files for reconfiguring a client server. These "flat" files, once created by the administrator, were provided to a mail drop for pick up by a client. The client checked the mail drop at predetermined intervals (e.g., every ten minutes) and, upon detecting that there existed a file (or multiple files) on the mail server, the client retrieved the file(s) from the mail drop.

In one particular implementation of the ESCN System, the administrator created files to which the client had "limited access." In other words, the files that were placed at the mail drop were configured so that the client could only "view" certain portions of the file. This was done by providing access information in the file, which designated the limited clients (i.e., who was not allowed access) as well as the limited information (i.e., what the limited client was not allowed to view).

While the system was used within Applicant's company, there was no external use of the ESCN System except for purposes of testing and perfecting the present invention. Use within the company was solely for the purposes of testing for research and development, and there was no profit realized from the internal use of the ESCN System.

The following rights are reserved by the Applicant(s): the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the listed documents should they be applied as reference, and/or the right to prove that some of these documents may not be prior art, and/or the right to prove that some of these documents may not be enabling for the teachings they purport to offer.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the materials submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of the documents, and to form independent opinions as to their significance.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application and that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to indicate the documents have been considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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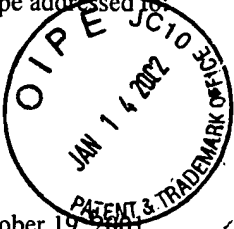
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